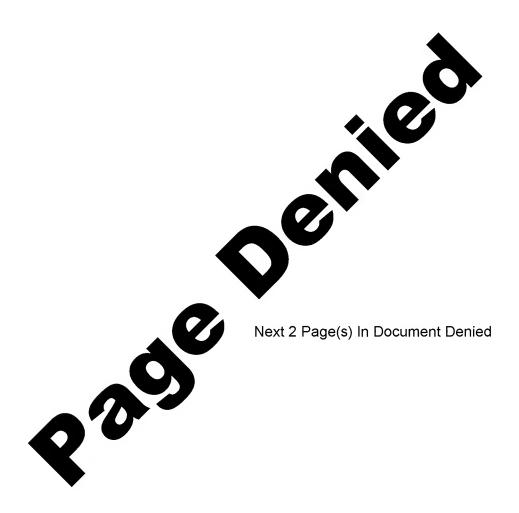
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COMMENTS ON A PREVIOUS ARTICLE					
"Some Pressing Problems of Antiair	50X1-HUM				
Defense of the Country"					
by					
Lieutenant-Colonel Ye. Ryvkin					
One should agree with the opinion of the author that the grouping (obyektovaya gruppirovka) of antiaircraft missile tr not answer the growing problems of antiair defense. It is all that a perimeter single echelon defense (krugovaya odnoeshelo oborona) of an objective with antiaircraft missiles does not its safety from air strikes, because aviation now has the cap breaking through the ZRV zone, using various methods to overce defense. Furthermore, as strategic bombers become armed with missiles, it becomes senseless to have the ZRV grouping locate the probable line of bombardment around the objectives. There Lieutenant-Colonel Melnikov suggests that the ZRV units be refrom screening individual isolated rear area objectives, and for screening the entire territory of the country by forming a grouping in one or two echelons along the country's border. It gives simple calculations on the economic advantages of such organization. In our opinion, however, the ZRV grouping proposed by Lie Colonel N. Melnikov will not ensure reliable antiair defense of	In our opinion, however, the ZRV grouping proposed by Lieutenant-				
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The fact is that the enemy, having discovered the ZRV border grouping, will unquestionably succeed in breaking through temporarily at a predetermined sector by using massed nuclear/missile strikes and concentrated radar jamming. After this, the enemy's strategic and 50X1-HUM tactical aviation, as well as his cruise missiles, can penetrate through this breach. After breaking through the ZRV border zone, the means of aerial attack will be able to bomb, unimpeded, the unprotected objectives in the zone of interior.
It is true that Lieutenant-Colonel N. Melnikov feels that, in order to screen individual objectives located outside the boundaries of the screened territory, as well as important centers (Moscow, Leningrad, and others), there will be need of additional ZRV means. This would mean, however, that other objectives of great importance to the national economy and defense would be left without supplementary screening, and would therefore be defenseless.
Taking into consideration the possibility of such consequences. Marshal of the Soviet Union S. Biryuzov expresses a different point of view. In his article "The Role and Tasks of the Antiair Defense Troops of the Country in Modern Warfare and Prospects for Their Development in the Near Future", he maintains that only by setting up systems of long-range antiaircraft missiles (ZUR DD) will it be possible to switch from the screening of individual objectives to the organization of zonal defense of those very important regions which represent the basis of the military-economic potential of the country.
We are in complete agreement with this point of view and assume that the borders of such regions do not necessarily have to coincide with the country's borders, and that, unlike Lieutenant-Colonel N. Melnikov's thinking, desert and sparsely populated areas will be excluded. The borders of the areas will be defined as a result of a thorough study of the nature and prospects for development of a given area as an industrial-economic center. Under no circumstances must we neglect to screen objectives in the interior of the country by systems of short-range antiaircraft missiles (ZUR BD).
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	Antiaircraft missile systems for low-altitude (malovysotnyy) targets (ZUR MV), in our opinion, should be used by both types of groupings.				
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